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- (2) The authorization is for a period not to exceed 60 days pending the filing of an application for such regular operation:
- (3) The authorization is to permit interim operation to facilitate completion of authorized construction or to provide substantially the same service as previously authorized; or
- (4) The authorization is made upon a finding that there are extraordinary circumstances requiring operation in the public interest and that delay in the institution of such service would seriously prejudice the public interest.
- (c) Temporary authorization of operations not to exceed 180 days may be granted under the standards of section 309(f) of the Communications Act where extraordinary circumstances so require. Extensions of the temporary authorization for a period of 180 days each may also be granted, but the renewal applicant bears a heavy burden to show that extraordinary circumstances warrant such an extension.
- (d) In cases of emergency found by the Commission, involving danger to life or property or due to damage of equipment, or during a national emergency proclaimed by the President or declared by the Congress or during the continuance of any war in which the United States is engaged and when such action is necessary for the national defense or safety or otherwise in furtherance of the war effort, or in cases of emergency where the Commission finds that it would not be feasible to secure renewal applications from existing licensees or otherwise to follow normal licensing procedure, the Commission will grant construction permits and station licenses, or modifications or renewals thereof, during the emergency found by the Commission or during the continuance of any such national emergency or war, as special temporary licenses, only for the period of emergency or war requiring such action, without the filing of formal applications.

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PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS

§21.26 Receipt of applications.

Applications received by the Commission are given a file number for administrative convenience, which does not indicate the acceptance of the application for filing and processing. After preliminary review those applications covered by §21.27(a) that appear complete will be put on public notice as accepted for filing. Neither the assignment of a file number nor the listing of the application on public notice as accepted for filing indicates that the application has been found acceptable for filing or precludes the subsequent return or dismissal of the application if it is found to be defective or not in substantial compliance with the Commission's rules.

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§21.27 Public notice period.

- (a) At regular intervals, the Commission will issue a public notice listing:
- (1) The acceptance for filing of applications and major amendments thereto:
- (2) Significant Commission actions concerning applications;
- (3) The filing of certifications of completion of construction;
- (4) The receipt of applications for minor modifications made pursuant to \$21.41:
- (5) Information which the Commission in its discretion believes of public significance; and
- (6) Special environmental considerations as required by part 1 of this chapter.
- (7) The BTAs designated for licensing through the competitive bidding process and the filing date for short-form applications for those areas;
- (8) The auction winners in the competitive bidding process;
- (b) A public notice will not normally be issued for any of the following applications:
- (1) For authorization of a minor technical change in the facilities of a proposed or authorized station where such a change would not be classified as a major amendment to a pending application, as defined by §21.23, or as a